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Weightage to General Studies in UPSC
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to give more weightage to general studies in the Union Public Service Commission's Civil Services Examinations for both preliminary and mains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the changes affected by UPSC in the recent past have brought positive results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)
(a) & (b): No such proposal at present is under the consideration of the Government.
(c) & (d): The changes in the syllabus of Civil Services (Prelims) took place from Civil Services Examination (CSE), 2011 followed by changes in the Civil Services (Main) from CSE 2013 in which four papers of General Studies carrying 250 marks each were included. Thus General Studies is having 1000 marks out of 1750 marks in written part of examination. From CSE 2015 onwards, the General Studies Paper-II of the preliminary examination was made qualifying with minimum marks fixed at 33%. Further, UPSC has constituted an Expert Committee under chairmanship of Shri B.S. Baswan to comprehensively examine the various issues, raised from time to time regarding the CSE, with respect to the eligibility, syllabus, scheme and pattern of the Examination vide notice dated 12.08.2015. The report of Baswan Committee is currently under the consideration of the UPSC and the recommendations of the UPSC on the report are yet to be received.

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